Princeton. Sepr. 1. 1838—

The Standing Come of the Socy. of Inquiry beg leave to submit the following Report;—

§1. Of the Reading Room— The following publications are at present taken by the Society—

Daily.	N. Y. Journal of Com. ——— (to us)	$6.00
Semi-weekly.	Baltimore Chronicle ———	gratis
Weekly.	N. Y. Observer, gratis. Prot. Vindicator	gratis
	Chrn. Intelligencer $2.50. Charleston Obsr.	$3.00
	Presbyterian, gratis. Am. Presbyterian	gratis
	Conn. Obs. gratis. Christn. Mirror	gratis
	Boston Rec. $3. S. R. Telegraph —	3.00
	Western Presbyt. Her. 2.50 Nov. Watchman	2.00
	Colonizatn. Herald. (probably gratis)	——
	N. Orleans Obs. gratis. N. Y. Evangels.	gratis
(16)	Watchman of the S. (came free one year; now)	3.00
Semi-Monthly.	S. S. Journal $1. Western Prot. $1.50—	2.50
Monthly—	Chinese Repository $3. Am. Bap. Mag $1.	(4.00)
Discontin'd	~~Evangel. Mag. gratis~~. Balto. Rel. & Lit. Mag —	gratis
	Bethel Mag. gratis. Sailors' Mag. —	gratis
	Missy Herald, gratis. Missy. Chron.	gratis.
	Mothers' Mag. gratis. Millnl. Harbinger	gratis
	African Reposy. gratis. Home Missy—	1.00
Quarterly.	N. A. Rev. $5. Am. Quart. Reg. gratis & postage free	
Also.	The Liberia Herald ~~publishd semi~~ ———	gratis.

Total expence of publications paid for $37.50 Per Ann.

Postage may be estimated at from $30 to 40$ Per Ann.

Publications ordered to be bound; N. Y. Obs: Prot: Vindicr: Boston Rec: Presbyt. Watchman of the S.: Home Miss: Miss. Her: Miss. Chron:

Chinese Rep: African Rep: Quarterly Reg. & N. A. Rev.

Among the gratuitous papers repated the Socy will observe is the Christian Mirror, published at Portland, Me. this is an excellent journal, & we beg leave to ~~state~~ present a copy of a document recd from the Editor about one year since;

"Socy of Inqy. in Princeton Theol Sem

To the Maine Missy Society Dr

1837
June 24. For the Chrn. Mirror for 5 Years —— $10.00
Cr By good will &c — ~~5.00~~ — —— $5.00
By original Rel. Intelligence not yet recd [5.00] } 10.00

A. Cummings. Edit. C. M."

We notice this circumstance in order that it may be borne in mind when next we have religious intelligence to publish, not doubting that the Socy will be disposed to repay the liberality of the Editor of the M.

A set of the Missionary Chron: from the commencement has been procured during the present session; the missing numbers of our own file being supplied gratis from the Missy Rooms. Three vols of Newspapers have also been bound, and by order of the Board of Managers a case prepared for them & the large Atlases of the Socy. — — Recent investigation of the department under their care has shown the Comm. that this portion of the Socy's affairs has been administered heretofore with great negligence, especially with regard to the preservation & binding of periodicals. Owing to this remissness perfect sets of some of the most valuable ones cannot now be obtained. In this respect however we are constrained to admit the blame does not rest wholly on our official predecessors. There are laws regulating the removal of periodicals from the R. Room, yet, like most other laws, they can be evaded by men of ingenuity, and when members of a community like ours are disposed to evade them, and thus to inflict permanent injury upon the Socy we know of no other mode than to leave such men, in their concealment to the few & feeble twinges that palsied and expiring consciences may yet be able to inflict. We make these remarks in the light of the discovery that numbers of the N. A. Review have been purloined (no gentler word will express it) from the R. Room; and from our own experience of similar though less important depredations. We have endeavoured to arrange and rectify the concerns of our department, and hope those to whom we are about to leave it, will ~~be~~ discharge their trust more faithfully than *any* of their predecessors have done; The pecuniary affairs of the Socy will be sufficiently represented in the report of the Treasurer. (*Vide seperate sheet* for the *items* of *expenditure* during the *past* year.)

§2. The Comee are not satisfied with the state in which they have found the Library. The cases have sometimes been left unlocked for days together; consequently many ~~books~~ volumes belonging to sets, are displaced on the shelves, & others displaced *from* the shelves, being found missing, and not charged to any one. Recent additions to the Collection have not been labelled and consequently many volumes are without the appropriate mark of the Society. It is proper to state however that this remissness is not chargeable to the present Librarian, who has been elected by the Board of managers to supply the vacancy occasioned by the absence of the regular officer. The work of reform has been commenced in this department also, and it is to be hoped that it will be carried on even to the removal of the Library to a more suitable place, in order that all that section of the room may be devoted to the Society's valuable & increasing Cabinet of Curiosities.

~~§3. On Examining the Books of the Rec. Sec. the Comee find not one syllable of the proceedings of the Socy recorded since~~

§3. The ~~depart~~ ~~dept~~ Books of the Recording Secretary have been kept during the past year ~~have been kept~~ with great neatness, and contain, the Comee. believe, a ~~correct~~ faithful record of the Transactions of the year up to the present time.

§4. Of the Treasurer's department the Comee have only to to express their gratification at finding all the accounts of that functionary kept with neatness and accuracy, & the financial concerns of the Socy eminently prosperous under his administration of them.

All which is respectfully submitted

James Greene

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Year ending Aug 31
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